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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EINV, SF

SUBJECT: REPORT OF INCREASED INVESTMENT BY FORD SA

1. A SAPA REPORT CARRIED LOCALLY BY CITIZEN ALLEGES THAT FORD WAS INCREASING INVESTMENT AT ITS PORT ELIZABETH PLANT BY R7 MILLION TO TOTAL OF MORE THAN R110 MILLION.

2. GENERAL MANAGER BRIAN PITT WAS QUOTED AS SAYING INCREASED INVESTMENT WAS BEING MADE IN SPITE OF U.S. PRESSURE ON AMERICAN COMPANIES TO SUSPEND PLANS FOR NEW PROJECTS IN SOUTH AFRICA OR WITHDRAW THEM ALTOGETHER.

3. FORD TELLS US THAT STATEMENT ASCRIBED TO PITT WAS NEVER MADE BY HIM, AND THEY ARE INVESTGATING TO SEE HOW REPORT COULD HAVE ORIGINATED. STATEMENT ON INVESTMENT IS BASED ON ANNOUNCEMENT MADE NOVEMBER 19 THAT FORD EXPECTED TO SPEND R7MILLION IN 1978 FOR CONTAINERIZATION, TOOLING AND MAINTENANCE. THIS IS A REGULAR ANNUAL EXPENDITURE AND CANNOT BE REGARED AS UNCLASSIFIED

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NEW INVESTMENT.

4. FORD SAYS STORY HAS ALREADY BEEN DISTRIBUTED BY AP AND PLAYED WIDELY IN U.S. MEDIA. IT HAS BEEN DENIED BY VICE PRESIDENT FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFIARS OF FORD U.S. BOWDLER

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Message Attributes

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